RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The Council agreed to the pay of the President as a full-time officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then is not the present arrangement a different one?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I rise to a point of order, Sir. I wish to get a ruling whether any member of this House has got a right to convert the floor of the House into a place of cross examination.

PRESIDENT: Cross-examination is not allowed. But pertinacity in questioning is allowed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that when a Municipal Officer does work for the Government the remuneration he gets for such work has to be accounted for to the Municipality?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The present President is given only a conveyance allowance which he need not account for to the Municipality.

Washing facilities for Varnavars.

211 ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions praying for the removal of the inconvenience caused to the Varnavars residing in the town of Trivandrum in regard to their means of communication to the washing place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

Havoc done by wild animals in Mundakayam and Peermade.

212. ***MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the havoc done by wild animals in Mundakayam and Peermade?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: No.

Road leading to Thiruvammandur Sirkar Temple.

213. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the road leading from the M. C. road to the Thiruvammandur Sirkar temple in Tiruvalla taluk is under departmental maintenance; and

(*b*) whether they or the P. W. D. are aware that the above road is now unfit for traffic?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Road connecting Palai-Ponkunnam road with the Erattupetta-Kanjirapally road.

214. ***MR. A. J. JOHN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Elikkulam, Panamattom and other surrounding places in the Akalakunnam pakuthy, Kottayam taluk, to take possession of and maintain the road the people have constructed some years back, connecting the Palai-Ponkunnam road with the Erattupetta-Kanjirappally road; and

(*b*) what steps they have taken in the matter?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) The Chief Engineer has received a petition.

(*b*) The prayers of the petitioners are being considered by the Chief Engineer.

Cement and Tarred roads.

215. ***MR. K. T. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average cost per square foot of cement roads and tarred roads respectively; and

(*b*) why some tarred roads in the city of Trivandrum are even and strong while some others are rutted and with cross furrows and easily spoiled?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) The cost of cement concrete road is approximately Rs. 40/-per 100 square ft. or Rs. 30,000/-per mile of 14 ft. width.

The cost of shelcrete is Rs. 15,000.

The cost of tar premix is Rs. 11,000.

The cost of colas is Rs. 7,000.

The cost of tarring is Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 6,000.

(*b*) (*i*) Traffic on some of the roads is heavier than in others.

(*ii*) The method of treatment varies, some portions having costlier method of treatment and some the less costly.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether all these experiments are being tried on the roads in Trivandrum?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Shelcrete tar premix have not been tried by me, but colas and tar have been used.

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